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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Elland.

Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting to you the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of the district for the year ending December, 1937.

The area under the administration of the Council comprises 5951 acres.

The population at the 1931 census was 19,457.

The mid-year estimated population in 1937 was 19,150.

The modified estimated population on which statistics are based is 19,037.

The number of inhabited houses is 6,641.

The rateable value is estimated at £93,300.

The sum represented by a penny rate is £364 12s. od.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Births.

The total live births registered in the district during 1937 was 225.

The rate per 1000 in 1937 was 11.81.

The rate per 100 for England and Wales in 1937 was 14.9.

There were 9 illegitimate births in 1937.

Our figure is 3.09 per 1000 below the national average.

Deaths.

The total number of deaths for 1937 was 293.

The corrected death rate for the district for 1937 was 15.08.

The rate for England and Wales for the period was 12.4.

The number of deaths is 2.68 per 1000 above that of England and Wales.

Infantile Mortality.

There has been 14 deaths of infants under one year.

This gives an infantile mortality rate of 62.2 per 1000 births.
The rate for England and Wales was 58.

The details of the above 14 deaths are as follows :—

Age.	Cause of Death.
12 hours	Prematurity
1 day	Prematurity.
1 day	Prematurity.
3 days	Asphyxia Neonatorum.
3 days	Birth injuries.
4 days	Intracranial Haemorrhage.
2 weeks	Prematurity.
3 weeks	Prematurity.
1 month	Marasmus
2 months	Marasmus
5 months	{ Convulsions
	{ Bronchitis.
5 months	Broncho-pneumonia.
9 months	Middle Ear disease.
9 months	Diphtheria.

There were 15 Still births in 1937.

Births are notified to the County Medical Officer and regular visiting is carried out by the County visiting Nurses.

Causes of Death.

	Male	Female
Diphtheria	1	1
Influenza	4	5
Cerebro Spinal Fever	1	—
Respiratory Tuberculosis	3	3
Other Tuberculosis	2	1
G.P.I. tabes, etc.	1	1
Cancer	14	20
Diabetes	7	3
Cerebral Haemorrhage, etc.	8	10
Heart Disease	39	32
Aneurysm	1	—
Other Circulatory Diseases	8	10
Bronchitis	9	7
Pneumonia (all forms)	9	6
Other Respiratory Diseases	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	2	—
Appendicitis	1	—
Other Liver Diseases	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases	2	3
Acute and Chronic Nephritis	3	11
Congenital Debility, Prematurity, etc.	8	2
Senility	3	11
Suicide	8	1
Other Violence	2	2
Other defined diseases	10	12
Ill defined or not known	—	2
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Prevalence and Control of Acute Infectious Diseases.

Below is a table showing the number of cases notified during 1937 :—

Diphtheria	7
Erysipelas	4
Scarlet Fever	12
Pneumonia	20
Tuberculosis of Lungs	5
Other Tuberculosis	9
Chicken Pox	—
*Measles	57
Puerperal	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2

*Greetland only—January/March.

5 cases were sent to Infectious Diseases Hospitals.

Such cases fall under three headings :—

- (a) An infectious disease acquired whilst the patient is in one of the town hospitals.
- (b) A patient seriously or dangerously ill and consequently needing hospital treatment.
- (c) One which cannot be effectively isolated at home.

The following facilities for immunisation against Diphtheria are available and are freely used :—

- 1. The child may be treated by the family doctor.
- 2. It may be treated at the Infant Welfare Centres.
- 3. Periodic Sessions (say every second year) are held at the schools.

These services are all without charge.

Prevalence and control of Tuberculosis.

5 new cases of pulmonary tuberculosis and 9 new cases of non-pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1937, and there were 6 deaths from pulmonary tuberculosis and 3 deaths from non-pulmonary tuberculosis.

A survey of the tuberculosis register at the end of the year shows the following figures :—

	Males	Females	Total
Pulmonary Tuberculosis ...	30	28	58
Tuberculosis of other parts ...	30	14	44
	<hr/> 60	<hr/> 42	<hr/> 102

Most of the cases of tuberculosis keep in touch with the Dispensary at Sowerby Bridge and are visited regularly by a nurse from the West Riding Public Health Department if necessary.

Small Pox.

No cases of Small Pox were notified during the year.

WATER SUPPLY.

The Water is obtained from Halifax and Huddersfield Boroughs and from the U.D. Council's reservoirs at Stainland and Upper Greetland, and is of good quality. The supply has not been restricted during the year.

HOUSING.

71 new houses erected by private enterprise have become occupied during the year.

6 houses were condemned as unfit for human habitation.

FOOD.

All shops and places where food is exposed for sale appear to be clean and tidy. There is no wholesale distribution of food from Elland.

There are 31 bakehouses in the district, all of which are in a satisfactory condition.

MEAT.

There are 8 registered slaughterhouses and 6 licensed slaughterhouses in the area.

Every carcase is examined by the Inspectors and the slaughterhouses are kept in a satisfactory condition.

MILK.

There are 110 cowsheds in the area, which house about 968 milk cows.

They have received satisfactory reports from the West Riding Veterinary Inspector.

Nearly all the milk is consumed locally.

There are 101 registered retail milk sellers, and 10 wholesale traders. There are 6 producers of "Accredited" milk and 1 producer of "Tuberculin Tested" milk in the area.

OTHER FOODS.

No illness of a serious nature from food has been reported.

SMOKE NUISANCE.

Regular observations are made by the Inspectors and warnings given where necessary.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

The sanitary work in the district is carried on in a satisfactory manner.

The number of houses not connected to sewers is estimated at 525 or 8% of the houses in the district. Many isolated scattered properties are very difficult to sewer at a reasonable cost, and there are a number of walled sewers yet to replace by piped sewers.

The number of tub closets is 490, as compared with 4,385 water closets. We have 389 waste water closets and 126 privy middens.

SCHOOLS.

There are 10 schools in the district. None of the schools have been closed for infectious diseases.

DISTRICT NURSING ASSOCIATIONS.

Three District Nursing Associations serve the area.

The Elland Nurse paid 4,691 visits to 235 cases, the Greetland Nurse paid 4,620 visits to 143 patients, of whom 27 were maternity, and the Stainland Nurse paid 2,659 visits, but the annual report does not state the number of cases.

The Elland and Greetland Nurses receive an allowance for the use of cars.

In Elland midwifery cases are attended by two County Midwives, the District Nurse devoting her time to general work.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE CENTRES.

There are two of these centres at which weekly sessions are held.

The Elland clinic is held at the Drill Hall on Wednesdays at 2 p.m., the Greetland clinic meets at Claye House on Tuesdays at the same time.

Ante-natal supervision is done at the Elland clinic as above and at Claye House on the second Wednesday in each month.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FREDERICK CLEGG, M.B., Ch.B.,

Medical Officer of Health.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Sanitary Inspector.

*To the Chairman and Members of the
Health Committee.*

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my First Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1937.

The past year has been one of many changes in the district. The West Riding of Yorkshire Review Order of the 22nd February, 1937, brought about the Amalgamation of the following districts as and from the 1st April, 1937 :—

Elland Urban District, Greetland Urban District, Stainland Urban District (except for a small part transferred to the Huddersfield County Borough), Southowram Urban District (part only), Parish of Upper Greetland and part of the Parish of Fixby (Halifax Rural District). The whole of them now comprising the Elland Urban District.

The changes in the Sanitary Inspectors Department resulted in Mr. H. Lee Jones (late Elland U.D.C.) being appointed Chief Sanitary Inspector, and Mr. F. Costello (late Greetland U.D.C.) being appointed Assistant Sanitary Inspector as and from the 1st April, 1937.

Mr. H. Lee Jones after several months of illness retired on Superannuation on the 30th October, 1937, and Mr. H. E. Moses (late Stainland U.D.C.) was appointed Senior Sanitary Inspector and Waterworks Engineer, Mr. F. Costello was appointed Sanitary Inspector and Assistant Waterworks Engineer as and from the 1st November, 1937.

Owing to the illness of Mr. H. Lee Jones and the retirement of other officials in the added areas, the preparation of the Annual Statistics of the Health Department has been very difficult for the year 1937.

Tables C. and D. prepared by the West Riding County Council to meet the Ministry of Healths requirements and Home Office Form 572 (Factories and Workshops) have been completed from all the records and evidence it has been possible to ascertain and these forms are submitted with this report, but as it is proposed to print and publish in detail these reports in the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in due course they are not included herein.

I beg to acknowledge the assistance given me by Mr. F. Costello (Sanitary Inspector) in the compilation of the statistics for the past year.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

H. EDGAR MOSES,

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

Council Offices, Elland.

28th February, 1938.

TABLE C—1937.

Nuisance Inspections—

Total No. of Inspections made in 1937, for Nuisances only—838.

Nuisances found in 1937—238.

Nuisances in hand, end of 1936—26.

Total needing abatement—264.

Abated during 1937—259.

Outstanding end of 1937—5.

Notices served, Informal—238.

Complied with—243.

Notices served—Statutory—16.

Complied with—16.

Total number of Summonses or other legal proceedings—None.

Regulated Buildings, Trades, &c.	No. in District	No. on Register	Total No. of Inspec- tions made	General Conditions	Legal Proceed- ings (if any)
Common Lodging Houses	Nil	—	—	Fairly Good. No Complaints.	none
Houses let in Lodgings ...	„	—	—		
Canal Boats		—	—		
Knackers' Yards	Nil	—	—		
Tents, Vans and Sheds ...	„	—	—		
Offensive Trades	4	4	8		
(Please specify kind)	2 tripe boilers 1 Soap Works 1 Oil Extractor				

Have the Council declared any other processes to be offensive trades?—No.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Particulars of any sewer extensions during 1937—100 Lin. Yards of New Storm Water Sewers; 190 Lin. Yards of New Foul Water Sewers; 32 Lin. Yards Old Foul Water Sewer re-laid; 7 Airtight Manholes provided on Sewers; 1 Vent Shaft provided.

Details of any portion of district still requiring—

- (a) Sewering—Many isolated scattered properties, very difficult to sewer at a reasonable cost.
- (b) Improvement of defective sewers—A number of walled sewers yet to replace with piped sewers.

No. of houses not connected to sewers—Estimated at 525 or 8% of houses in the district.

Sewage Disposal Works.

Particulars of any extensions made during 1937—None.

Any inadequacy of sewage disposal works ?—No.

Any complaint from West Riding Rivers Board ?—One Minor complaint only.

Closet Accommodation.

No. of Privies with open middens—6.

No. of Pail or Tub Closets—490.

No. of Privies with covered middens—120.

No. of Water Closets—4385.

Waste-water Closets—389.

No. of Privies re-constructed during 1937—

(a) as W.C.'s—33.

(b) other—1.

No. of Closets, other than Privies, reconstructed during 1937 as W.C.'s—5.

No. of **additional** Closets provided for old property in 1937.

(a) W.C.'s—21.

(b) other—None.

No. of Closets constructed in 1937 for new houses—

(a) W.C.'s—71.

(b) other—None.

Any special action being taken by Council to secure conversion of privies, waste water closets and pails to W.C. System. If so, what?—Grants are being offered to pay $\frac{1}{2}$ cost up to £5 for the conversion of any type of closets to water-closets.

Scavenging.

Is public scavenging in operation throughout the whole district?—Yes:.

How is refuse disposed of?

1. Destruction—47%
2. Tipping—48%
3. Farmers—5%

If tipping is in operation, is it on the controlled system?—Yes.

Total annual cost of collection and disposal of refuse—£3480.

Water Supply.

Source of Supply—Halifax and Huddersfield Corporations (Bulk Supplies), U.D. Council's Reservoirs at Stainland and Upper Greetland.

By whom distributed—Elland Urban District Council.

No. of houses on public supply—6403.

Any extension of supply during the year?—310 Lin. Yards Mains to New Property; 1440 Lin. Yards Main to replace Old Main.

Has supply been satisfactory?—Yes.

(a) In quality—Yes.

(b) In quantity—Yes.

Any examinations made during the year—Yes.

(a) chemical—Result—Satisfactory.

(b) bacteriological—Result—Satisfactory.

Have any supplies been restricted or closed, if so, where?—No.

Milk Supply.

Are Two Registers being kept as required by Section 2 (3) Milk and Dairies (Amendment) Act, 1922?—Yes.

(a) For Retailers—Yes.

(b) For Cowkeepers or Wholesale Traders—Yes.

Have any retailers been removed from the Register ?—
—No.

Milk (Special Designations) Order 1936.

No. Licences in force in area for :—

(a) Production of “Tuberculin Tested” Milk—1.

(b) Production of “Accredited Milk—6.

(c) In respect of Pasteurising plants—None.

Samples of designated milks examined bacteriologically
—None by Urban Authority.

No. of Milk samples taken by officers of local authority
for analysis under the Food and Drugs (Adultera-
tion) Act, 1928—41.

No. found adulterated—None.

No. of prosecutions—None.

No. of samples of ordinary milk taken by officers of
local authority for :—

(a) Methylene blue test—One.

(b) Presence of tuberculosis—None.

Any special examination of milk for dirt, e.g., sedimen-
tation test ?—None.

Any instance of disease attributed to milk during 1937?
—None.

No. of cowkeepers in district—92.

No. registered—71.

Total No. of cowsheds—110.

Total No. of milk cows—968.

Total No. of cowsheds inspected during the year—316.

Total No. of cowshed inspections—316.

No. of wholesale traders registered—10.

No. of retail milk sellers registered—101.

Observations as to structural conditions, cleanliness and
methods of production and handling of milk—Struc-
tural conditions generally are good, cleanliness and
methods of good standard but could be improved by
the more general adoption of steam sterilisers for
the cleaning of cans and utensils.

Meat Inspection.

Any public abattoir in district ?—No.

Total No. of private slaughterhouses—14 .

Made up of 8 registered and 6 licensed.

No. unsatisfactory either as regards structure, position or in other respects—3 (position).

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

Number killed (if known)—Not known.

Number inspected—Cattle (excluding cows)—376.

Cows—661. Calves.—26 Sheep and Lambs—1567.
Pigs—987.

All diseases except Tuberculosis.

Whole carcasses condemned—Cattle (excluding cows)
—1. Cows—2. Calves—1. Sheep and Lambs—1.

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned—
Cattle (excluding cows)—8. Cows—19. Sheep
and Lambs—9. Pigs—5.

Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease
other than tuberculosis—Cattle (excluding cows)—
2.39% Cows—3.17% Calves—4.00% Sheep and
Lambs—0.63% Pigs—0.5%

Tuberculosis only—

Whole carcasses condemned—Cows—4.

Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned—
Cattle (excluding cows)—19. Cows—41. Pigs—32.

Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuber-
culosis—Cattle (excluding cows)—5.05% Cows—
6.81% Pigs—3.24%.

Public Health (Meat) Regulations, 1924.

Meat Marking: Is scheme in force under above?—No.

If so, give particulars of action under same—None.

Other Foods.

No. of samples (other than milk) taken by officers of
L.A. for examination under the Food and Drugs
(Adulteration) Act, 1928—None.

No. found adulterated—None.

No. of prosecutions—None.

No. of Bakehouses in district—31.

Total inspections—73

Are any of bakehouses underground, if so, how many ?
—None.

Schools.

No. of Schools in District—10.

No. visited by M.O.H.—10.

Action taken—None.

Schools closed by M.O.H.—None.

Factories and Workshops.

No. of smoke observations each of 30 minutes duration
taken during 1937—54.

No. of above showing excessive emission of black smoke
—13.

No. of cautions issued—13.

No. of statutory notices issued—None.

No. of prosecutions—None.

Shops Act 1934, Sections 10 and 13 (3).

No. of visits paid under the above Act during 1937—82.

Unsatisfactory conditions found—12.

Remedied—12.

Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.

No. in District—None.

Is this class of dwelling showing signs of increase ?—No.

Have Council made bye-laws under Section 268 (4),
Public Health Act, 1936 ?—No.

Any action under Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 ?
—No.

Has any trouble been experienced in controlling this
type of dwelling ?—No.

If so, please give particulars—None.

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Please state :—

No. of Council houses found to be infested—None.

No. disinfested—None.

Other houses found to be infested—5.

No. disinfested—5.

What methods are employed for freeing infested houses from bed bugs ?—Walls stripped, walls, ceilings, floors, etc. sprayed with Vermercine (Liquid) followed by fumigation with Sulphur. Process repeated at 10 Day intervals until clean.

What methods are employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses ?—None.

Is the work of disinfestation carried out by the local authority or by a contractor ?—Local Authority.

Swimming Baths and Pools.

Are there in the district :—

(a) Any public swimming baths or pools—Swimming Bath owned by U.D. Council.

(a) Any privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public—No.

If so, give brief particulars of each and state what action is taken to ensure satisfactory condition of the water—None.

(c) Any samples of bath examined, apart from samples submitted to the County Bacteriological Laboratory
If so, please give particulars—Bacteriological Examination made 20th Oct., 1937 by H. T. Lea, M.Sc., F.I.C. of Halifax. Summary of examination :—
“Both the inlet and outlet water judged by appearance and bacteriological results is in excellent condition. The water compares favourably with any baths water that I have examined.”

Adoptive Acts in Force in the District.

Please give complete list stating also if whole Act has been adopted, and if not, what Parts or Sections are in force :—

- (1) Infectious Diseases (Prevention) Act, 1890 (whole).
- (2) Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1890, Parts 1, 2, 3, and 37.
- (3) Public Health (Amendment) Act, 1907, Parts 2, 4, 6, and (95 in Part 10).
- (4) Private Street Works Act 1892 (whole).
- (5) Public Health Act, 1925 (all parts except those repealed by the Public Health Act, 1936).

Bye-Laws and Regulations in force in District.

Please give complete list of Byelaws and Regulations in force, and date of adoption in every case.

Cleansing of Footways—27/8/92.

Scavenging 27/8/92.

Prevention of Nuisances 27/8/92.

Common Lodging Houses 27/8/92.

New Streets and Buildings 20/9/31 and 30/10/31.

Slaughterhouses 27/8/92.

Smoke Abatement 12/10/31.

Infant Mortality.

Any suggestions ?—No.

Causes of any excessive Infant Mortality in 1937 ?—
None.

Infectious and Other Diseases.

Diseases specially prevalent in 1937—None.

Any diseases specially added to notifiable list ?—No.

Any influences threatening the health of the District ?
—No.

Any arrangements for nursing Puerperal Fever cases ?
(for areas autonomous under the M. & C.W. Act, 1918).

At Home—Yes.

In Hospital—Halifax General Hospital.

Isolation Hospitals.

General Infectious Diseases :—

Address of Hospital—Brighthouse Isolation Hospital,
Clifton, Brighthouse.

Any change or extension in 1937—No.

Any disease in addition to scarlet fever, enteric fever or diphtheria (e.g. pneumonia) treated in infectious diseases hospital—No.

Name of authority controlling—Brighouse Corporation.

Smallpox :—

Address of Hospital—Hollin Heys Small Pox Hospital, Elland.

Any change or extension in 1937—No.

Name of Authority controlling—Elland and District Joint Hospital Board.

General Hospitals and Institutions.

Address—Halifax and Huddersfield Infirmarys, and Halifax General Hospital.

(a) General and Accident—Yes.

Children—None.

(b) Local : Hospital, Cottage—None.

Children's—None.

(c) Maternity (Homes)—None.

Ambulance Services.

For General Sick and Accident Cases—

Location of Ambulance—Council Offices, Elland.

Ownership—Elland U.D.C.

Type of Ambulance—Motor, Rolls Royce.

Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient—If required.

Charges (if any) to patients in district—None.

For General Infectious Disease Cases—

Location of Ambulance—Brighouse.

Ownership—Brighouse Corporation.

Type of Ambulance—Motor.

Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient—Yes.

Charges (if any) to patients in district—None.

For Smallpox—

Location of Ambulance—Hollin Heys, Elland.

Ownership—Elland Joint Hospital Board.

Type of Ambulance—Horse

Arrangements for nurse to accompany patient—Yes.

Charges (if any) to patients in district—None.

If ambulance of another Authority is used, please state terms and conditions—Brighouse Corporation, charge 1/- per mile for Ambulance. Halifax and Huddersfield Corporation Ambulances charge at 2/- per mile.

Mortuaries. What accommodation—

(a) for accidents—Three Mortuaries. 1 Council Offices, Elland; 1 Council Yard, Greetland; 1 Council Offices, Stainland.

(b) for infectious cases other than at hospital—None.

(c) For other cases—See (a) above.

(d) For post mortem examinations—See (a) above.

Any suggestions by M.O.H.—No.

Bacteriology (County Laboratory).

Any suggestions ?—No.

Burning Spoil Banks. Any nuisance therefrom ? If so, please give particulars—None during the past year.

Sanitary Staff.

What is the present Annual Salary of the M.O.H.?—£150

Name of Senior Sanitary Inspector—H. E. Moses.

Annual Salary as Inspector—£280.

Other Appointments held—Waterworks Engineer.

Salary for such other Appointment—£46.

Name of Sanitary Inspector—F. Costello.

Annual Salary as Inspector—£230.

Other Appointments held—Assistant Waterworks Engineer.

Salary for such other Appointment—£30.

Any Assistants ?—Clerical assistance provided.

Is Staff sufficient ?—Yes.

Does M.O.H. receive copies of Memos. and Circulars distributed by Ministry of Health ?—Yes.

Special Reports and Investigations on any subjects. (Please attach copy).—None.

Supplementary Remarks as to Sanitary requirements of District, suggestions of M.O.H. and extended notes on any of the foregoing entries. Any suggestions as to need for County Clinics or Dispensaries, or as to existing Clinics or Dispensaries—None.

TABLE D—1937.

ELLAND URBAN SANITARY DISTRICT.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

1—Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year.

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)—108.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose—195
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above), which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—68.
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose—84.
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses needing further action—51.
 - (a) Number considered to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation—6.
 - (b) Number (excluding those in sub-head (3) (a) above) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation—45.

2—Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices.

No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers—36.

3—Action under Statutory Powers during the year.

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16, Housing Act, 1936.

- (1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs—9.

(2) No. of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices—9.

(a) By owners—9.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners—None.

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(1) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied—40.

(2) No. of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices—35.

(a) By owners—35.

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners—None.

C. Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) No. of representations, etc., made in respect of dwelling-houses unfit for habitation—7.

(2) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made—1.

(3) No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders—1.

(4) No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted from Owners Sec. 11 (3)—4.

D. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—

(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made—None.

(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms, the Closing Orders in respect of which were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit—None.

4—Unhealthy Areas.

Have any areas been declared Clearance Areas during the year 1937 ? If so, please give full particulars as to such, including situation, number of houses, population, and action taken relative thereto—None.

5—Number of new houses erected during 1937.

- (a) By the Local Authority—None.
- (b) By private enterprise—71.
- Total—71.

6—Housing Conditions.

- (1) Total number of houses in the District—6641.
- (2) No. of working-class houses included in the above—6362.
- (3) General observations as to housing conditions, overcrowding, and shortage of houses—There is a steady improvement taking place in the district in housing conditions. Overcrowding is being gradually reduced and there is not any serious shortage of houses present.
- (4) Any special activity in house building ? If so, where? —71 New Houses were erected in the district in 1937 and this type of work is continuing at approximately the same rate of progress. Most of the houses being of working class types but very few are for “letting.”
- (5) Any housing scheme projected by Local Authority? If so, please give particulars—A scheme for the erection of 40 Houses at Heathfield Estate, Elland, and 18 Houses at Lindwell, Greetland, for the purposes of dealing with Overcrowding cases has been prepared and tenders advertised for.
- (6) Any regulations made in respect of underground sleeping rooms under Section 12, Housing Act, 1936 : —No.

7—Town Planning.

- (1) Is the Council a member of any Regional Town Planning Committee ? If so, which ?—None.
- (2) Is a Town Planning Scheme in force for
 - (a) The whole of the District—No.
 - (b) Part of the District—Yes.
 If so, give particulars of scheme—Only that part of the district in the Old Elland U.D. comprising 324½ Acres in the Planning Scheme

- (3) Have Council during 1937 passed a Resolution deciding to prepare a Town Planning Scheme? If so, does it relate to :—

Whole District?—No.

(b) Part of District?—No.

If part only, please state which part—None.

- 8—Name and address of Officers designated to make inspections under the Housing Consolidated Regulations—

H. E. Moses, Senior Sanitary Inspector, Council Offices, Elland.

F. Costello, Sanitary Inspector, Council Offices, Elland.

- 9—Has any action been taken to improve the housing conditions of tuberculous families in your District, either by way of building new or special houses, or the granting of special facilities for such families to be housed? If so, please state action taken?—No.

10—Housing Act, 1936—Part IV—Overcrowding.

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year—121.

(2) Number of families dwelling therein—121.

(3) Number of persons dwelling therein—698.

- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year—3.

- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year—47.

(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases—247.

- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding—None.

- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report—None.

(Signed) FREDERICK CLEGG, M.B., Ch.B.
Medical Officer of Health.

